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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of this case, kindly amend as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 13 line 19, of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

Suppression of phase change of the surface acoustic wave passing through the slider is not performed at the moment the surface acoustic wave passes the slider, as in the first embodiment, but is performed every moment that the surface acoustic wave reaches the gap portions formed by constructing the projection-arranged portions by a plurality of projections. Therefore, the phase change suppressing effect is improved to a greater extent than in the first embodiment and there is obtained a surface acoustic wave actuator of a higher drive efficiency.